

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

## WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD–MIGRANT AND SEASONAL  
FARMWORKER DIALOGUE

This information bulletin informs and encourages the workforce development community to attend the [Workforce Investment Board–Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Dialogue](#).

The National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) invites you to join your colleagues for a dynamic conversation among organizations and companies that hire, train and provide services to farmworkers, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (DOL/ETA) senior staff, as well as state and local workforce investment boards, and One-Stop Career Centers senior management. This program seeks to increase collaboration through strategic planning efforts and to support the ETA goal of increased employment and training opportunities for eligible farmworkers and their families. In addition, ETA hopes to achieve greater integration of services between One-Stop Career Centers and the National Farmworker Jobs Programs (NFJP) grantees.

The purpose of the dialogues is to explore the benefits of increased collaboration between NFJP and state and local workforce investment boards. By coordinating their strategic planning processes and leveraging the existing publicly-funded workforce system, the two groups will seek to improve the level of service provided to migrant and seasonal farmworkers (MSF). Participants will discuss enhancing farmworkers' access to career development, training, and educational opportunities traditionally available at One-Stop Career Centers. The session also includes an opportunity to exchange examples of effective partnerships and practices that demonstrate the benefits of collaboration.

Three dialogues are being held across the country in San Antonio, Texas on February 19, 2004, and in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on March 25, 2004. The third and final dialogue is scheduled for California on Tuesday, March 30, 2004:

Host: California Workforce Alliance  
Workforce Investment Board–Migrant  
and Seasonal Farmworker Dialogue  
Cosumnes River College  
8401 Center Parkway  
Sacramento, CA 95823

Registration is complimentary. The registration form is located at [www.nawb.org/msf/msf\\_regform.pdf](http://www.nawb.org/msf/msf_regform.pdf).

For additional information on registration, please contact Carmen Inda-Garza at (661) 823-6140.

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Attachment

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD - MIGRANT AND SEASONAL  
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Tuesday, March 30, 2004  
8:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Agenda

- 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast/Registration/Networking
- 8:45 a.m. Welcome
- Introductions, Dialogue Purpose and Desired Outcomes  
Stephanie J. Powers  
Chief Executive Officer  
National Association of Workforce Boards
- Framework for National Dialogues  
Alina Walker  
Chief, Division of Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Programs  
U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration
- 9:30 a.m. Panel Discussion 1: Serving Farmworkers, Connecting Them to the  
Local Labor Market: Challenges and Solutions
- 10:45 a.m. Coffee Break
- 11:00 a.m. Panel Discussion 2: Examples of Successful Integration of the  
NFJP (Workforce Investment Act Section 167) and One-Stop  
Systems
- 12:15 p.m. Luncheon Speaker
- 1:45 p.m. Small Group Dialogues: Making the One-Stop system work for  
farmworkers and agribusinesses as effectively as it does for other  
customers—developing local solutions
- 4:15 p.m. Small Group Report-Back: Key Solutions
- 5:15 p.m. Closing Remarks  
Alina Walker  
U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration
- Stephanie J. Powers  
National Association of Workforce Boards